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The references are listed in Form PTO-1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. A copy of the references is also enclosed.

The references are as follows:

- 1. WO 00/45938
- 2. US Patent No. 4,724,080
- 3. US Patent No. 5,262,053
- 4. US Patent No. 6,582,606 B2
- 5. US Patent No. 5,879,557
- 6. DE 42 34 392 A1
- 7. GB 215 5356
- 8. International Search Report dated January 21, 2004

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached references.

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